GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2761
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FIRING ON AN TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to reply given to USQ No. 4066 on April 18, 2002 regarding firing on AN-32 Transport Aircraft and state:

(a) the conclusions of the inquiry;

(b) whether India has lodged any protest to Pakistan in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Court of Inquiry has revealed that the AN-32 aircraft of Indian Air Force strayed across the Line of Control due to navigational error. All necessary steps have been initiated to prevent a recurrence of such errors.